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SUBJECT: SAUDI-GERMAN COOPERATION ON USE OF SOLAR ENERGY FOR DESALINATION

1. THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE OF SAUDI ARABIA AND GERMANY ARE HEADING DELEGATIONS FOR DISCUSSIONS OF THE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY FOR DESALINATION. MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD IN RIYADH, AND A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE INITIALLED.

2. THE SAUDI DELEGATION CONSISTS OF OFFICIALS FROM THE SALINE WATER CONVERSION CORPORATION, WHILE THE GERMAN SIDE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: DR. KASKE, DIRECTOR OF DESALINATION RESEARCH AT THE GERMAN NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER; DR. VALL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY; DR. MENDE, ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER, AND MR. HAIER HOFF, DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF DESALINATION TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS.
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3. MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSION ARE:

A) SOLAR CELL RESEARCH FOR THE VAPORIZATION OF SEA WATER;

B) SELECTION OF PROPER EQUIPMENT;

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C) TRAINING OF SAUDIS AT THE GERMAN NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER;

D) EXPERIMENTATION WITH GERMAN EQUIPMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA.

4. COMMENTS: EMBOFF DISCUSSED SAUDI-GERMAN COOPERATION ON DESALINATION RESEARCH WITH SWCC VICE-GOVERNOR YOUSEF EL-AKEEL. HE SAID THAT MEETING WAS BEING HELD AT GERMAN INITIATIVE. HE PERSONALLY WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING THE SESSION, BUT EXPECTED A FULL COMPLEMENT OF SWCC OFFICIALS TO BE THERE. SAUDI HOSPITALITY WARRANTED THIS.

5. EL-AKEEL INDICATED THE CERTAINTY OF AN AGREEMENT SIGNING BECAUSE "THE GERMANS ARE PAYING FOR THE PROGRAM." ALL EXPERIMENTS CONDUCTED BY THE GERMANS IN SAUDI ARABIA WILL BE AT GERMAN EXPENSE.

6. THESE TALKS FOLLOW FAST ON THE HEELS OF SAUDI-FRENCH DISCUSSIONS ON SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT AIRGRAM OUTLINING CURRENT SAUDI PROGRAMS AND PLANS REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY.
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